

Capsule Summary
SM-536
The Johnson/McNey House
Leonardtown
Private

c. late 1910s

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St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Industrial Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
Historic Period Theme:	Architecture

Resource Type

Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Town
Historic Function and Use:	Residence
Known Design Source:	None

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. SM-536

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic The Johnson/McNey House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Leonardtown Wharf ☐ not for publication

city, town Leonardtown ☐ vicinity of congressional district 3

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name St. Mary's Ice and Fuel, Inc.

street & number PO Box 672 telephone no.: 301-475-2652

city, town Leonardtown state and zip code Maryland 20650-0672

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRB 494

street & number folio 62

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The Johnson/McNey House is located near Leonardtown Wharf on the west side of Washington Street in Leonardtown, Maryland. While the primary elevation faces the street, the house commands views of nearby Breton Bay and the wharf. Constructed in the late 1910s, this frame, two story, two bay dwelling, often referred to as a four-square because of its box-like shape, exhibits a pyramidal roof pierced by a hipped-dormer and a rear brick chimney flue. A screen porch with turned wood supports shelters the first floor fenestration. Most of the windows are six-over-six, double-hung sash with plain fascia trim. The house also features a one story rear shed addition.

The house received only mid-level documentation due to the large number of historic resources in Leonardtown.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 18,844.53 sq. ft.Quadrangle name Leonardtown, MdQuadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Same as per deed reference.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyororganization St. Mary's County Planning and Zoningdate November 1996street & number 328 Washington Streettelephone 301-475-4662city or town Leonardtownstate Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber MRB 494, Folio 62
Grantee: St. Mary's Ice and Fuel, Inc.
Grantor: Imogene B. Garner
Date: 1989

Note: The property is listed as containing 18,844.53 sq/ft and was purchased for \$78,000.

Reference: Liber DBK 149, Folio 501
Grantee: Imogene B. Garner
Grantor: Gladys J. McNey and J. Leroy McNey
Date: April 19, 1969

Reference: Liber CBG 58, Folio 393
Grantee: Gladys J. McNey and Daniel P. Johnson
Grantor: Mary R. Fowler
Date: August 17, 1955

Note: The property is called the "McNey Lot" but was previously called the Norris Lot.

Reference: Liber CBG 58, Folio 391
Grantee: Mary R. Fowler
Grantor: Daniel P. and Mamie Johnson
Date: August 17, 1955

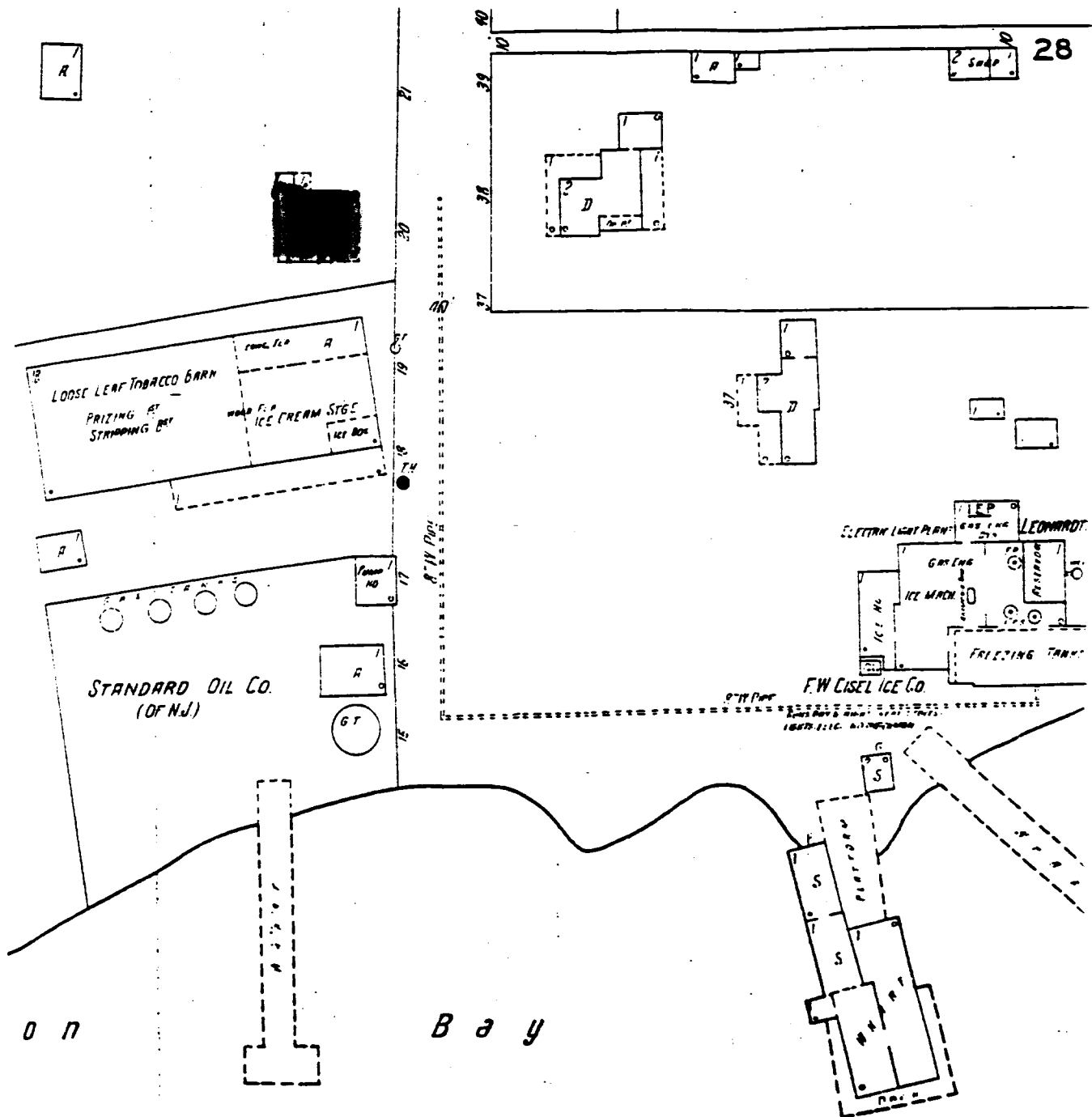
Reference: Liber EBA 14, Folio 144
Grantee: Daniel P. Johnson
Grantor: Laura W. Holmes
Date: August 2, 1915

Note: The deed notes that the conveyance is subject to the right of way for the premises of Joseph F. Neal.

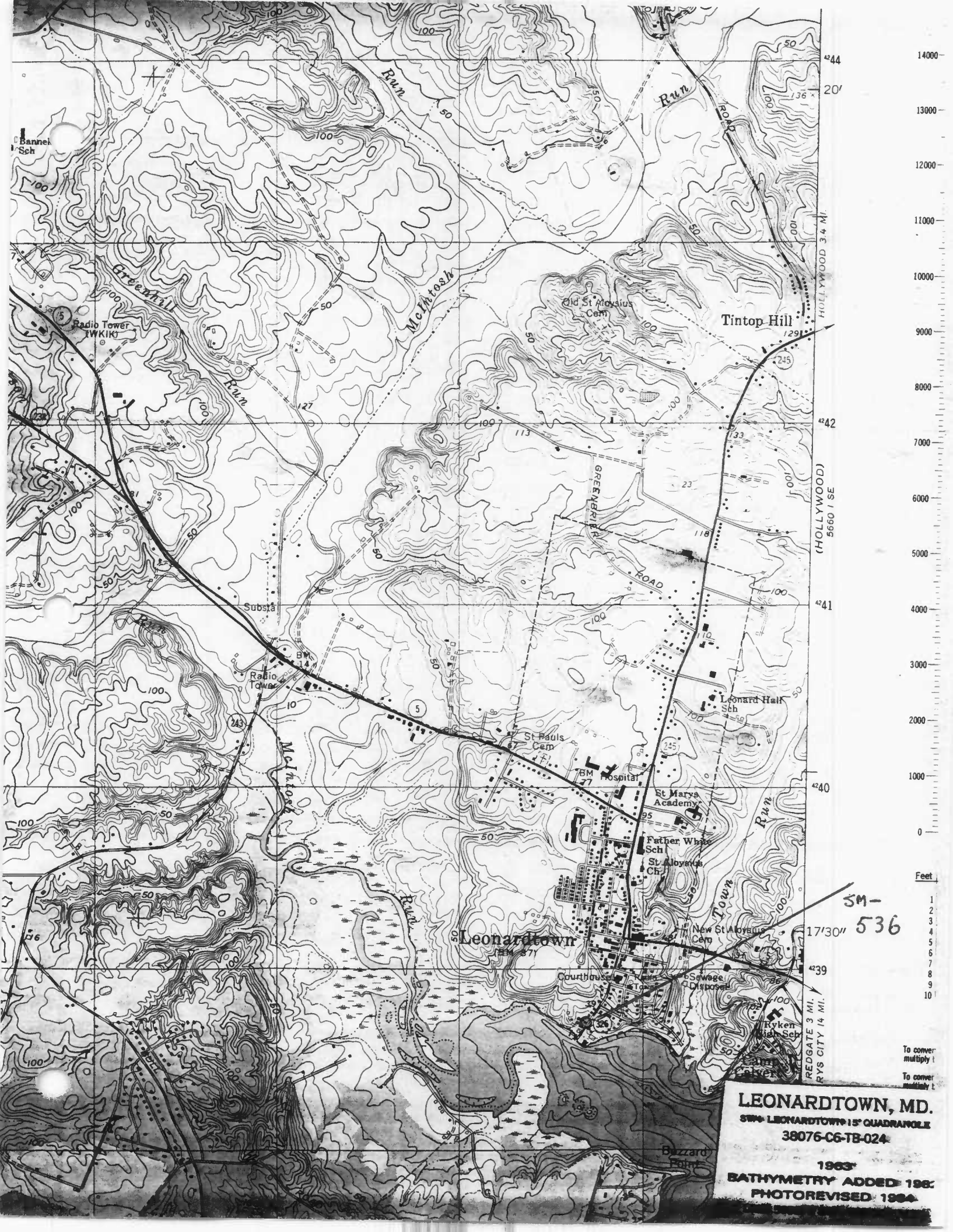
Reference: Liber JFF 10, Folio 147
Grantee: Frank N. Holmes
Grantor: B. Harris Camalier
Date: June 16, 1887

Note: As a result of a decree of the circuit court dated December 10, 1885 involving Charles J. Norris, this tract is sold to Frank N. Holmes. The tract contains two contiguous lots with a house on each and consists of 4 1/4 acres. The deed also notes that one of these lots is called "the Foxwell lot."

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 Significance 8.2



1928 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Leonardtown showing the Johnson/McNey House. The dwelling was owned by Daniel P. and Mamie Johnson at the time of this map.



LEONARDTOWN, MD.

SW- LEONARDTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE
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1963
BATHYMETRY ADDED 198
PHOTOREVISED 1984



